## STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; assistive technology refers to any item, piece of equipment, or product used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with

WHEREAS; an assistive technology service is any service that directly assists an individual with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites with disabilities of all ages and older adults utilize assistive technology devices and services to live independently and productively, as well as to participate fully in the affairs of their communities; and

WHEREAS; our state's assistive technology program, WisTech, has provided assistive technology devices, services, and collaborations with state partners for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in encouraging all Wisconsinites to become aware of the many ways in which assistive technologies contribute to the health, happiness, and independence of our family members, friends, and neighbors, and in affirming our commitment to ensuring that these technology devices and services are available to all who need them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2021, as

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR